

Northwest Holstein Breeders Host Annual Pennsylvania Convention

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WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer Co.) — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association is involved in more than 50 different breed, agricultural and junior activities, according to executive secretary William C. Nichol.

Nichol reviewed just a few of those programs in his report to the annual business meeting at the PHA state convention, hosted by the Northwest region, February 23-25 at the Radisson Hotel. Among them are the breed production and genetics recognitions which went to nearly 50 of the association's Holstein breeder-

members during the convention's wrap-up awards program.

"The qualified herd book is now gaining importance as the world market develops," Nichol acknowledged of the national program identifying genetics of non-registered Holstein cattle. "And, there are many new options in identifying cattle and in the classification programs."

PHA continues to actively market members' cattle and genetics to international customers. Recent export sales included shipments to Japan, Korea, Ecuador and Saudi Arabia.

Continuing exodus of farmers from the dairy business is reflect-

ed in its effect on the membership levels of the state and national breed associations.

President Laszlo Moses reported a PHA membership of over 4,550, down in the past 12 months some 400 members. But, a continuing focus of the organization, according to Moses, is its active and varied leadership programs for youth members.

"We have unlimited equity in our youth," said the Greenville dairy farmer. He praised the parents who encourage and support their children to participate in such leadership activities, noting, "they are learning faith, hope and

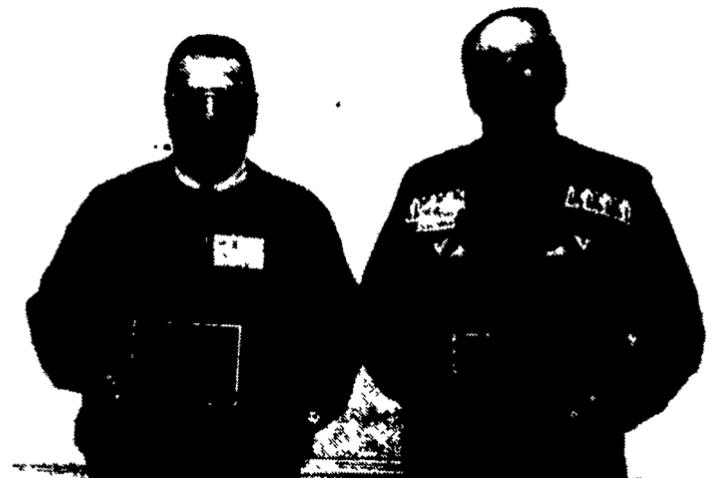
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From the left, Kenneth Raney receives a watch from Bill Nichol, executive director of Pa. Holstein Association, for 10 years service to the association.



Past presidents of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association are, from the left, seated front, John Cope William Conyngham, Marlon Alsdorf, and Russell Jones. And from the left in the back row, Jay Landis, Arthur Baxter, Wayne Harpster, Donald Selpt, Sam Minor, and Lewis Berkley.



From the left, Calvin Will and Paul Lawrence are presented with plaques of appreciation upon their retirement from the executive board of Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

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Pictured above: Pennsylvania State Farm Show - Casey High (center) with his champion heavyweight steer with (L to R) Donald M. Cooper, President of CoreStates Hamilton Bank; Neil Snyder, SVP and Credit Officer; Pat Coomes and Darvin Boyd, Agri-Finance Representatives. Casey is the son of Larry and Mae High of Littiz.



Pictured left: 1994 Ephrata Fair - Sarah Boyd with her homebred reserve grand champion carcass lamb and Darvin Boyd. Sarah is the daughter of Kerry and Deborah Boyd of Ephrata.

CoreStates Hamilton Bank purchased these animals and donated them to the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet held on February 9th at the Country Table Restaurant. The additional meat product was donated to the Lancaster County 4-H Swine Club.